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Attorney General John Ashcroft

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to give my thoughts on the settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft Corporation. I want you to know that I support the settlement that was reached back in November. It is in the best interests of the government to accept the settlement, and move onto more pressing matters. I believe we have wasted far too much taxpayer money and government time as it is, to pursue an issue that never was in the consumers best interest.

The terms of this settlement are reasonable, and were reached after a great deal of effort with the help of a court appointed mediator. Microsoft is not getting off easy like it's opponents might lead you to believe. The company has agreed to make a number of specific changes to its business practices that will prevent future antitrust violations. For example, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products for use by its competitors.

Also, a technical committee comprised of three software engineering experts will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement, and assist with dispute resolution.

Sincerely,

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